



Blackminster Middle School

Uniform and Equipment Expectations

School Uniform

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. A uniform supports positive behaviour and discipline; ensures pupils of all backgrounds feel welcome; protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; nurtures cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of pupils. Governors and parents support the wearing of uniform and recognise the contribution this makes towards the school ethos. Blackminster Middle School also recognises the need to support students to develop sensible habits of dress and prepare themselves for dress codes in future schools and eventually employment.

Availability of Blackminster Middle School Uniform

Blackminster Middle School logo uniform is available to buy from The School Shop in Evesham either online or in store. Standard items are readily available from supermarkets and clothing stores.

If you are struggling with the cost of uniform, please contact the school office as help is available. Such approaches will be handled with discretion and sensitivity.

Uniform Details

Main uniform

- White buttoned shirt (short or long sleeved)
- School tie
- Black or dark grey trousers, skirt or shorts. All items should be tailored style (not “fashion” style) and skirts/shorts should be within 5cm of the knee.
- Black blazer with school badge
- Green school knitted jumper with school badge (optional)
- Sensible black school shoes or trainers but must be all black
- Grey or black socks, or black or flesh coloured tights

PE Kit

Compulsory

- Green and Black Blackminster Polo Shirt
- Green and Black Blackminster Shorts/Skort
- White sports ankle socks
- Blackminster Full Length House Socks
- Training shoes, running trainers only.
- Shin pads
- Football boots

Optional

- Green and Black Blackminster Rugby Shirt

- Black Blackminster Sweatshirt (Non Hooded)
- Blackminster Track pants (unisex)
- Blackminster Leggings (unisex)
- A gum shield may be required for certain activities

Plain black PE kit from the optional list will also be allowed.

All items should be marked with the owner’s name: please place iron-on initials on the kit. An appropriate kit must be brought to **every** lesson.

This information aims to clarify uniform expectations. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of permitted and non-permitted items.

Here follows a more detailed explanation regarding certain items of uniform. The final judgements regarding acceptable uniform and appearance will be made by the senior leadership team.

Shoes

Students must wear proper black school shoes or shoe-type trainers which must be plain black (including soles). Laces must be tied at all times for safety reasons. Boots, coloured trainers or coloured logos/laces/soles are not permitted.

Examples of suitable, all-black footwear	Examples of unsuitable footwear
	

Shirt

Plain white buttoned shirt, worn tucked into trousers/skirt/shorts and with top button done up with a school tie.

Socks/ Tights

Only plain black or white socks may be worn. Tights may be plain black or flesh coloured.

Coats

Students may wear any coat. Coats may not be worn in lessons and students are expected to take them off rather than wait to be asked.

Sweatshirts

Students may wear school sweatshirts with the logo. No other sweatshirt, cardigan or hoodie is permissible.

Trousers

These must be plain black or dark grey trousers without pinstripes, checks or fancy details like embroidery or attached accessories like large fashion buckles. No jeans, leggings or ‘skinny’ trousers.

Normal plain black belts may be worn and both sexes are expected to wear their trousers so that their underwear is not on display.

Skirts

Skirts must be plain black regulation skirts. Skirts should be no more than 5cm above or below the knee. Short skirts or those made with stretchy fabric are not suitable for school.

Example of a suitable length skirt	Example of uniform with trousers
	

Shorts

These must be tailored, black or dark grey, knee length shorts. 'School uniform' style.

Outerwear

Students are allowed to wear scarves outside during break times for warmth, but they are not allowed to wear these in classrooms. Hats or caps may not be worn indoors. They should be stored inside lockers or in the cloakroom.

Jewellery

A watch and only one small, plain, stud in each ear lobe are permitted. These must be removed for safety reasons during PE and dance lessons. No other piercings are allowed. If your child is having a piercing, please ensure this takes place at the beginning of the summer holidays. Ear spikes and stretchers are forbidden, these will need to be removed before they come to school. Students are not allowed to wear rings.

Make-up

Subtle make-up and clear nail varnish are permitted, but students will be asked to remove make up or nail varnish that, in the judgement of staff, is excessive. No fake nails such as gel or acrylic nails are permitted.

Hairstyles

Dramatic changes of hair colour / unnatural hair colours are not allowed. Extreme hairstyles are also not acceptable in school, including when part or all of a student's hair is cut very short or shaved (other

than when agreed for charity fundraising). Hair longer than shoulder length is to be tied neatly back from the face.

Occasionally students may be involved in school related activities, trips or visits when they are not required to wear school uniform. This relaxation of the uniform code does not apply to facial and body piercing and hair styles. The decision on what is acceptable rests with the senior leadership team.

Breaches of School Uniform Rules

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that their child comes to school in the correct uniform and they are expected to buy uniform that complies with the school's policy. Form Tutors are responsible for monitoring uniform. As far as possible any breaches of school uniform rules will be addressed by the article being confiscated or the student changing into borrowed items.

The Form Tutor will speak to a student who is wearing incorrect uniform. Parents are expected to provide a letter explaining any uniform infringements. If it is not addressed for the next school day, then the student will be referred to a member of the Senior Leadership Team. In the event of repeated uniform infringements parents will be contacted and the student will risk being isolated until the uniform is corrected. In the case of jewellery and other accessories, the student will be asked to remove the item, which will be confiscated to be collected at the end of the day.

The Headteacher is the final arbiter in all matters of uniform and dress.

Essential Equipment List

Pencil case including:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Compass
- Glue stick
- Scientific Calculator

Bottle of Water

Support of Parents and Carers

We ask all parents to support the school uniform expectations but we welcome all views and opinions and if any parent would like the school to consider modifications to the uniform and equipment expectations they should contact a member of the senior leadership team in the first instance.

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